

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 2 are pending.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

The Official Action states that claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0009022 (Klein *et al.*). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The relevant portions of Klein *et al.* relied upon in the Official Action are not prior art, because the subject matter relied upon in the rejection is not entitled to a priority date earlier than November 30, 1998. The Official Action states that Klein *et al.* discloses cells expressing FPRL-1, a GPCR and comprising an arrestin-GFP conjugate, and that the reference further discloses that the interaction of target FPRL-1 receptor protein with an arrestin-GFP conjugate and a ligand agonist can be detected by confocal microscopy. In particular, paragraphs 0036 and 0173 of Klein *et al.* are relied upon in support of the rejection. These aspects are not described in any of the parent applications of Klein *et al.*, (attached as Exhibits A - G). Matter not supported by a parent application is not afforded that priority date.

The presently claimed invention is entitled to the priority date of June 5, 1997. A copy of the parent application, now issued patent number 5,891,646, is attached as Exhibit H. In view of the above, Klein *et al.* is not relevant prior art.

As requested by the Examiner, an additional copy of page 6 of the Form PTO-1449, filed March 27, 2003, is enclosed for recordation of consideration. A supplemental information disclosure statement is also enclosed.

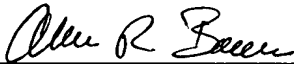
**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, Applicants believe the application to be in condition for allowance, and respectfully request notice thereof at an early date. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a call would aid in the examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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